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Mountain View Police Department and Santa Clara County Public Health Offer Tips on How to Have Fun, Safely, At Upcoming Electronic Dance Festival, Beyond Wonderland

Mountain View, CA. The “Beyond Wonderland Bay Area” event returns to Shoreline Amphitheatre this year starting on Saturday, September 26th to Sunday, September 27th, 2015. As in years past,

- **Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.** Free water refill stations are available at the event but you must use the “Reusable Insomniac Aluminum Water Bottles (empty upon entry).”
- **No drug use or possession.** MVPD will have officers working all areas enforcing drug related laws in and around the event. Illegal substances and drug-related paraphernalia are not allowed.
- **Under the influence of drugs or alcohol.** Event staff can refuse to let you in to the event if you show signs of being under the influence, and it’s against the law.
- **Food.** Don’t forget to eat, especially foods high in protein.
- **Stay together.** It’s always a good idea to go with a friend. Stick together and take care of one another. If you get separated have a plan to meet at a designated location.
- **Cell service.** Even if you have your cell phone, it may not always work due to cell tower capacity and the number of concert goers using their phones. If you need assistance look for uniformed police personnel, or staff.
- **Pre-Plan.** Here are a few important numbers to program into your phone:
 - If you have an emergency, always call 911
 - Mountain View PD’s direct emergency number is 650-903-6395
- **Huh?** Hearing loss is nothing to laugh about. Protect your ears by wearing ear plugs. Prolonged exposure to loud noises can cause permanent hearing loss.

Here’s a list of commonly used drugs we have come across during large events:

- **Cocaine** is also known as white, blow, snow, yayo, powder and coca.
- **MDMA** is also known as Ecstasy, Molly, E, X, Thizz, Thizzle, XTC. MDMA is often times mixed with other narcotics, like cocaine and methamphetamine, where when pressed or mixed into capsules it cannot be detected. People who buy these capsules never know what they are really getting when they’re thinking they’re buying “Ecstasy” or a “Molly.”
- **GHB or Gamma-hydroxybutyrate** is also known as Grievous Bodily Harm, G, Liquid Ecstasy, Georgia Home Boy.
- **Methamphetamine** is also known as Speed, Ice, Chalk, Meth, Crystal, Crank, Fire, and Glass.

- **Ketamine** is also known as Special K, K, Vitamin K and Cat Valium.
- **Rohypnol** is also known as Roofies, Rophies, Roche and Forget-me Pill. “Roofies” are also referred to as a “date rape drug” because it can incapacitate an individual.
- **LSD or Lysergic Acid Diethylamide** is also known as Acid, Boomers, Yellow Sunshines.
- **Edibles** are extremely dangerous as marijuana and other narcotics are baked into a cookie, or other edible matter, and eaten in a single sitting. Often times, overdoses occur as a result of the sheer amount of substances baked into these edibles.
- **Synthetic drugs** are also referred to as Spice, Bath Salts, K2, Synthetic Marijuana, Herbal Incense and Potpurri. Vaping, an alternative to smoking, is often used to consume these types of toxins.

What can happen if you take a stimulant like MDMA or Methamphetamine? You may have an increased heart rate, extreme rise in body temperature, uncontrollable movements, dehydration, or grinding teeth.

And if you take a sedative/hallucinogenic like GHB, Ketamine, LSD, and Rohypnol, here’s what you may experience: Slow breathing, respiratory problems, confusion, tremors, and nausea.

More information on “Club Drugs” can be found on the FBI’s website [here](#). For further information on synthetic drugs, visit the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy [here](#).

“Ecstasy and other ‘club drugs’ have very serious short and long-term health effects,” said Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody. “These drugs may be mixed with other chemicals, so people may not know what they are taking or how these drugs interact. This can be extremely dangerous, and even fatal. We hope to help raise awareness before this weekend’s event, so attendees can have fun, and stay safe.”

“We are here to work with festival organizers to ensure spectators can enjoy the event in a safe and responsible manner,” says Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel. “But despite good intentions, we must be cognizant of the realities that electronic music festivals are associated with controlled substances that can be used to cause harm and do damage to individuals. So it is our intent, as in years past, to ensure that attendees have the best experience possible while also keeping them safe.”

There are a few simple ways to protect yourself and your friends. And if you see something suspicious, don’t ignore it. Part of having fun together in a group is ensuring everyone has a great experience!

- Don’t drink something you didn’t pour yourself.
- Watch the person who is preparing the drink for you.
- Never drink from group drink bowls, or anything that’s shared.
- Keep a close eye on your drink at all times. Do not rely on someone else to watch it for you.
- If you think you’ve been drugged, seek medical attention RIGHT AWAY!
- If someone passes out and you suspect he or she may have been given drugs, call for medical attention immediately.
- If you see something, say something. It takes a community to stay safe. Do your part to ensure this event is one to remember for the right reasons.